

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Minimum Support Price (MSP) Operations for Maize– Procurement through A.P State Coop.Marketing Federation (A.P. MARKFED) at MSP of Rs.1,310/- per quintal for Maize, during Rabi Marketing Season of KMS of 2014-15 – Orders – Issued.

(CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT)

G.O.MS.No. 3

Date:17-03-2015

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.16, CA,F&CS(CS.I) Dept. dated.31.10.2014.
2. GOI Lr.No.7/10/2013 -Py-III. dt. 05.11.2014 of Ministry of Consumer Affairs,Food & Public Distribution, Dept. of Food & Public Distribution, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. GOI Lr.No.7/3/2015 -Py-III. dt. 27.02.2015 of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Dept. of Food & Public Distribution, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the policy for MSP operations of Coarse grains for Kharif Marketing Season 2014-15 was issued.

2. It has been brought to the notice of the Government, the estimated production of Maize, during KMS 2014-15 is around 10.00 LMTs. The prevailing market rate of Maize per Qtl. is around Rs.1250/- which is below than the MSP of Rs.1310/- per quintal fixed by Government of India, many representations were received from the public to commence purchase of Maize under MSP operations to protect the farmers from distress sale through the A.P.MARKFED.

3. In the G.O. first read above, Government issued orders, during the Rabi Season of KMS 2014-15, arrangements were made for procurement of a quantity of about 2.61 Lakh MTs (1.2LMT in Kharif and 1.41 LMT in rabi season) of Maize. The above quantity is subject to revision by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies depending upon the market arrivals.

4. After careful consideration of the entire issue, Government have reviewed the Crop position in consultation of Agriculture Department , it was decided to procure a quantity of 60,000 MTs in Rabi Season of 2014-15 through AP MARKFED @Rs.1310/- per Quintal. And also hereby order that the Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd.(A.P.MARKFED) shall act as State Procurement Agency for procurement of Maize as the Rabi 2014-15 season of paddy may overlap with the MSP operations of APSCSC Limited. The Managing Director, AP MARKFED is directed to utilize the existing Paddy Procurement Centres for M.S.P. operations of Maize, immediately keeping in view the likely arrivals in various districts. Government have also decided to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACSS) and Village Organizations formed under Women Self Help Groups to give facility to the farmers to market their produce nearer to the village and also to reduce congestion at the Agricultural Market Yards. The District Level Committee headed by the Joint Collector shall identify the additional procurement centers in consultation with the procurement agency i.e., A.P.MARKFED, to ensure purchase of 60,000 MTs of Maize from the farmers.

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5. The approximate loss on purchase of the estimated quantity of 60,000 MTs of Maize would be Rs.26.14 Crore. The procured quantity of Maize shall be utilized to the PDS/Other Welfare Schemes including Social Welfare Hostels and thereafter, the remaining quantity shall be disposed through Public Auction/NCDEX. The loss if any incurred to AP MARKFED will be reimbursed by the State Government.
6. The Marketing Department and the District Collectors shall take action to ensure that adequate publicity is given to the farmers through press, electronic media, beat of drum (tom-tom), pamphlets etc., to create awareness among the farmers about the MSP operations, specifications, the location of purchase centre and the procedure being followed for procurement of Maize, at MSP. All the required details shall be affixed at a prominent place at Gram Panchayat Offices in all the Maize, growing villages.
7. At every purchase centre, there shall be a Purchase Committee with (1) In-charge of the centre from procuring agency, (2) representative of the AMC concerned, (3) Mandal Agriculture Officer or his representative, and (4) two farmers to ensure effective MSP operations. This Committee shall also decide the disputed cases of FAQ.
8. The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the AP MARKFED in implementation of MSP operations.
9. The Marketing Department and the A.P.MARKFED shall position all necessary equipments in the market yards / purchase centres immediately so as to commence the MSP operations with immediate effect for Rabi Season.
10. The Agriculture Department shall take all necessary steps to instruct the A.Os and AEOs in the districts to organize training programmes in the villages for creating awareness among the farmers in realizing MSP for FAQ quality of their produce.
11. The operational staff positioned at the procurement centres shall also be similarly trained, under the supervision of PDs of IKP and DCOs in the districts and experienced staff from other Agencies like F.C.I. / CWC /Agriculture University etc.
12. The Warehousing Agencies viz., SWC / CWC / F.C.I., shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Maize,. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/CWC/FCI shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement/receipts. For this purpose, the warehouses shall also be provided with required moisture meters.
13. The Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad and all the District Collectors are requested to start immediately the procurement of Maize under minimum support price operations as ordered above.

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14. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Hyderabad, is requested to take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADEH)

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EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,

The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Hyderabad.

The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Marketing, B.R.K.R. Bhavan, Hyderabad.

The Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Hyderabad

Copy to:

The Principal Secretary to Government, Agri. Marketing & Coop., Hyderabad.

All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers

The Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs, Legal Metrology, A.P. Hyderabad.

P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad.

P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Marketing Department, A.P. Hyderabad.

P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Finance, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution), Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

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SECTION OFFICER